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For: P153 AND P156 ANTIGENS FOR THE IMMUNODIAGNOSIS OF CANINE AND HUMAN EHRLICHIOSES AND USES

THEREOF

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT DATED SEPTEMBER 30, 2005

MS AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Washington, D.C. 20231

Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action dated September 30, 2005, Applicants respectfully request the following amendments be entered in the captioned patent application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.111.

Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims - None - page 2.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 3 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets which have been properly labeled.

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